IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14 as follows:

An aspect of the present invention provides for control of the head assembly of a hard disk drive, for a retract condition, which advantageously reduces the above-mentioned friction concerns. Referring now to Figure 1 there is shown a disk drive system 10 which includes the disk 11, actuator arm 12 and read/write head 13 for illustrating exemplary embodiments of the present invention. For example, a first position (shown in broken lines at position 15) of the actuator arm 12 illustrates a random location before a retract condition, such as a power failure, is determined. Following a determination that retraction of the head is needed, a retract command is issued to retract the head 13 toward the outer most diameter (OD) of the disk 11 (arm shown in broken lines in a second position 16 at the OD). The arm can be maintained to rest against the outer stop 20 of the actuator. At the OD, as the disk continues to rotate, the air forces still provide an air cushion for the head at the OD.